

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):

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SELF-MONITORING OF PROXIMITY SENSORS

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Examiner:

Kevin K. Pyo

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 22, 2003

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing of a response within the first month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the Office Action mailed on August 20, 2003.

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (1123.40855X00).

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